

London might be our foodie capital, but when we asked where you loved to eat outside the Big Smoke, your recommendations came flooding in...

Your favourite UK restaurants

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Northern England

1 Alma De Cuba, Liverpool
(0151 702 7394; alma-de-cuba.com)

Price ££

Food Global (Chicken breast with chorizo-crushed potatoes)
'A must-try is the chilli laksa starter, plus there's Brazilian dancing at the weekend and a gospel choir on Sunday.'

Simone Irving

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2 Hickory's Smokehouse, Chester
(01244 404000; hickorys.co.uk)

Price £

Food American barbecue (Barbecue pulled pork with barbecue beans, Hickory's smoked bacon, fries and slaw)
'This lively place on the river is great for families with a play area and a free bowl of popcorn per table. The Blackened Louisiana steak is gorgeous. Proper freshly prepared food that's great value.'

Lynda Jones

3 Le Metropolitan, Halifax
(01422 300175; lemetropolitan.co.uk)

Price ££

Food Global (Hot Italian mussels with spicy tomato sauce and crusty bread)
'It's rather Moulin Rouge, without being tacky. The food is just fabulous and the portions are generous. A

couple of years ago I had pan-fried salmon on a wild garlic risotto as a special and the thought of it still makes my mouth water.'

Sophie Hudson

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4 Sage Bistro, Harrogate
(01423 500089; sagebistro.co.uk)

Price £

Food Eclectic (Rump of lamb with cashew crust and mint-infused gravy)
'Sage has never disappointed. We love all the personal touches, such as the complimentary petit fours, and the early bird offers are fantastic.'

Karl Davies

5 Australasia, Manchester
(01618 310288; australasia.uk.com)

Price ££

Food South East Asian/Japanese (Roasted barramundi and mitsuba toast with scallops, clams and noodles)
'Here you'll find brilliant food and great service in beautiful trendy surroundings. I'd highly recommend the sushi and sashimi; it is fabulous.'

Amanda Hoyle

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Stylish urban dining

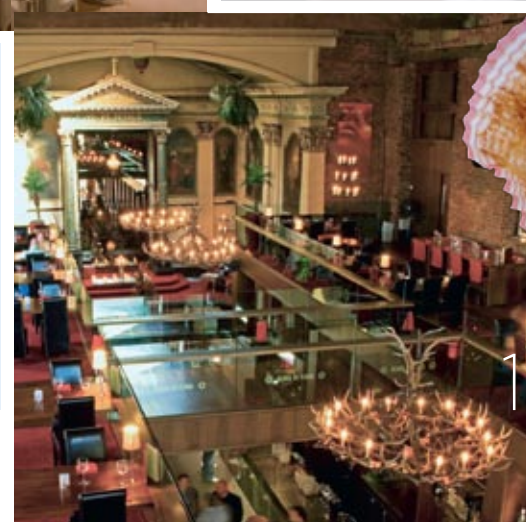
6 The Farndon Boathouse, Newark, Nottinghamshire
(01636 676578; farndonboathouse.co.uk)

Price ££

Food Eclectic (Twice-cooked belly of pork with sage and apple risotto)
'I'd highly recommend this venue, overlooking the river Trent. I love the Thai Fish Bowl, with big chunks of fresh fish and prawns in a delicious Thai sauce with noodles. My husband's favourite is the gourmet burger with chunky chips.'

Fiona Bonser

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7 Northcote, Blackburn
(01254 240555; northcote.com)

Price £££

Food Seasonal British (New season's Lonk lamb, spring onions, cracked wheat, Banks tomato, mint relish)
'Our favourite for a special occasion. Head chef Lisa Allen, of *Great British Menu* fame, produces outstanding food that's well worth the price. You'll find all of the attention to detail of fine dining, without the intimidation or formality.'

Glynis Harris

8 Six at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Newcastle
(01914 404948; sixbaltic.com)

Price £££

Food Modern European (Confit duck leg with herb crumb and Toulouse sausage cassoulet)
'Eating the slow-cooked venison while the sun sets over the quay – heaven.'

Ellen Stewart

Central England

9 The Golden Fleece, Braughing, Hertfordshire
(01920 823555; goldenfleecebraughing.co.uk)

Price ££

Food Eclectic (Chargrilled squid filled with chorizo and feta with a sweet tomato and chilli sauce)
'I have coeliac disease and this pub clearly states which meals are gluten free on its menu. The food is excellent and I know that I can safely choose from the menu without worrying.'

Gillian Wiggins

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10 The Malt Shovel at Barston, Solihull, Birmingham
(01675 443223; themaltshovelatbarston.com)

Price ££

Food Eclectic (Slow-roasted lamb in Thai spices with coconut milk, pickled ginger, spring onion and rice)
'The superb food at this country pub is locally sourced and beautifully cooked.'

Lesley Gennoe

11 The King's Head, Laxfield, Suffolk
(01986 798395; laxfieldkingshead.co.uk)

Price £

Food Traditional British (Homemade steak and Adnams ale pie)
'A sociable pub with locally sourced food and a traditional tap room.'

Ann Alderton

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12 Poppy's Tea Room, Thaxted, Essex
(01371 830453; poppystearam.co.uk)

Price £

Food Traditional afternoon tea
'This has good old-fashioned service, a friendly atmosphere and delicious tea, with wonderful homemade cakes and scones.'

Marion Taylor

13 The Saxon Mill, Warwick
(01926 492255; saxonmill.co.uk)

Price £

Food Eclectic (Smoked salmon pizza with courgette, lemon crème fraîche, horseradish and rocket)
'This place is great in the summer when you can dine by the river. The staff are really friendly and well-informed about the menu. My favourite dish is the Blackened cod fillet with egg noodles, pak choi and mango and chilli salsa, while my husband loves their steak.'

Katy Thomas

14 The Crown, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk
(01206 262001; crowninn.net)

Price ££

Food Modern British (Roasted guinea fowl pappardelle, wild mushrooms, broad beans, bacon and parmesan)
'The atmosphere is terrific, the staff are friendly and the good-quality wine is matched to the lovely food, which changes seasonally. Children and dogs are welcome – a plus for us.'

Judy Ludlow

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15 Turners of Harborne, Birmingham
(01214 264440; turnersofharborne.com)

Price £££

Food Modern British/French (Butter poached native lobster, Jersey royal espuma, spring vegetables, lobster sauce)
'Exquisite food and superb service – it deserves its Michelin star.'

Loretta Bradley

16 The Purple Goose, Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire
(01908 584385; thepurplegoose.co.uk)

Price ££

Food Modern British (Pork belly, pork scratching, thyme jus, apple and vanilla purée, freeze-dried apple powder)
'An absolute find – it's family-run with a bright, young chef. Look out for wine tastings and six-course tasting menus.'

Lisa Walker

Award-winning pub

Price key

Based on meal for two:

- £ Budget
- £25-£45
- £46-£65
- £66 plus

The South-west

17 The Red Lion, Cricklade, Wiltshire (01793 750776; theredlioncricklade.co.uk)

Price 3

Food Traditional British (Chargrilled rare breed steak, beer-battered onion rings and triple-cooked chips) 'Delicious local food, a great range of real ales and a lovely garden. The burger and triple-cooked chips are to die for.'

Linda Buckland

READER OFFER Free bottle of beer, matched to your main, for every meal ordered when you show this page, until 30 November 2011.

18 The Town Mill Bakery, Lyme Regis (01297 444754; townmillbakery.com)

Price 10

Food Bakery and café (fresh pastries, cakes and lunches) 'I like watching the food being prepared, from lovely breads to soups and cakes.'

Brenda Axe

19 Moreish, Bristol (01179 706078; moreishrestaurant.co.uk)

Price 4

Food Modern British (28-day aged Nailsea beef, hand-cut chips, herb butter, fried duck egg and watercress) 'The food is cooked and presented really well and the service is great, too.'

Jozie Chura

20 Three Ways House Hotel, Mickleton, Gloucestershire (01386 438429; threewayshousehotel.com)

Price 3 3 3

Food Traditional British and puddings (Sticky toffee pudding with custard) 'At the weekly Pudding Club, you have a main, then enjoy the seven puddings!'

Chris Sparey

READER OFFER Save £50 on a one-night stay for two in a standard double or twin room, including breakfast and four individual Pudding Club puddings to take home (£95, Sundays to Thursdays, until 22 December 2011).

21 Kitley House, near Plymouth (01752 881555; kitleyhousehotel.com)

Price 3 3 3

Food Local British (Baked duck breast with pineapple and butternut squash chutney, rosti potato and French beans) 'We've been going to this stately home for years - the food is always faultless.'

Rebecca Elward



22 Melanie's Kitchen, near Bristol (01179 572662; melanieskitchen.co.uk)

Price 10

Food Deli and light bites (homemade quiche, fresh bread and cakes) 'The focus of this lovely deli-cafe is local, free-range, fair-trade and ethically produced food. Owners Mel and Peter specialise in homemade vegetarian food so veggies won't go hungry here! Throughout the year they run demonstration evenings as well as cheese-tasting sessions, which all come with a glass of wine.'

Susan Burton

READER OFFER One free tea, coffee or soft drink with every lunch bought between 12-12.30pm, when you show this page, until 30 November 2011.

23 The Hive Beach Café, Burton Bradstock, Dorset (01308 897070; hivebeachcafe.co.uk)

Price 4

Food Fish and light bites (Lyme Bay lemon sole, grilled with Cornish sea salt and olive oil, new potatoes and salad) 'It's right on the beach so you can watch the sea and listen to the waves while you eat. It gets very busy here, but the service is quick and everything is fresh. They also serve wonderful cake.'

Brenda Axe

Family-run deli

24 Guildhall Tavern, Poole, Dorset (01202 671717; guildhalltavern.co.uk)

Price 3 3 3

Food French seafood (Fresh monkfish médaillons sautéed in garlic and crayfish butter) 'This restaurant is a local treasure. The service and atmosphere is great, not to mention the beautifully cooked and presented food.'

Sue Bing

READER OFFER One free coffee for early diners (between 5.30-6.30pm) when you show this page, until 30 November 2011.

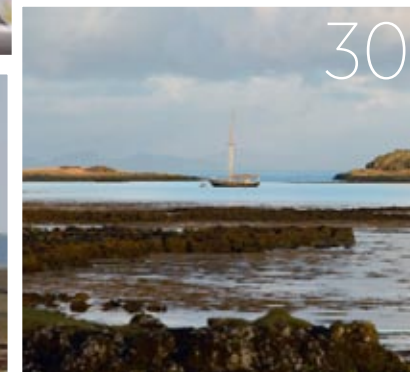
25 Vatika Restaurant, Shedfield, Southampton (01329 830405; vatikarestaurant.com)

Price 3 3 3 3

Food Modern Indian (Pan-seared sea bass, mussels and peppers in coconut ginger sauce)

'I go here for very special occasions. It's not a typical Indian restaurant; the food is very imaginative. We were served breads with unsalted butter and an array of different-flavoured salts in test tubes to try. They also match wines to the food. The service is impeccable, not to mention the stunning views overlooking the Wickham Vineyard.'

Michelle Jones



The South-east

26 Boulters restaurant and bar, Maidenhead, Berkshire (01628 621291; boultersrestaurant.co.uk)

Price 3 3 3

Food Modern British and European (Wild mushroom ravioli, sautéed baby spinach, roasted artichoke, confit tomato and ceps sauce) 'This has a great location on the river by Boulters Lock - you can sit in the Terrace Bar upstairs and watch life go by, or dine downstairs in the Riverside Brasserie.'

Suzanne Hatherly

READER OFFER Free dessert when you order two courses and show this page on arrival, until 30 November 2011.

27 London Street Brasserie, Reading, Berkshire (01189 505036; londonstbrasserie.co.uk)

Price 3 3 3

Food Modern British and European (Roasted saddle of rabbit with mushroom and watercress risotto) 'This fantastic little restaurant in the town centre is right on the river.'

Beatrice Mansiet



Fabulous fish and chips

28 The Fish Factory, Worthing, West Sussex (01903 207123; protorestaurantgroup.com)

Price 4

Food Seafood (The Fish Factory seafood pasta) 'The best fish and chips in the area with amazing service and a huge choice of seafood, as well as veggie options.'

Jane Blackman

29 The Vine Restaurant, Sevenoaks, Kent (01732 469510; vinerestaurant.co.uk)

Price 3 3 3

Food Modern British (Beef Wellington with Chantenay carrots, fine beans and champ) 'Beautiful décor and locally sourced food. Sip a crisp Sauvignon on the terrace overlooking the cricket ground.'

Natalie Seldon

Scotland

30 The Three Chimneys, Isle of Skye (01470 511258; threechimneys.co.uk)

Price 3 3 3 3

Food Scottish fine dining (Pot roast crown of Scottish grouse with Ayrshire bacon, Lochalsh chanterelles, local kale, blueberries and game chips) 'It's famous for its marmalade pudding, which has been on the menu since it opened about 20 years ago. The whole experience was one to remember - it's a shame it's such a long way from home.'

Lindsay Pritchard

READER OFFER Free bottle of wine when you book an overnight stay before 23 December 2011.

31 Lochleven Seafood Café, Onich, Fort William (01855 821048; lochlevenseafoodcafe.co.uk)

Price 3 3 3

Food Seafood (Whole lobster Thermidor) 'Great service, fantastic atmosphere and wonderful seafood.'

Christine Barraclough

32 Gallan Head, Isle of Lewis (01851 672474; gallanheadhotel.co.uk)

Price 4

Food Scottish (South Harris langoustines poached in a spring onion cream sauce) 'This restaurant with rooms is a former RAF base. The scenery is wonderful but the food is even better. Andy, the chef and owner, took a great deal of care with my gluten-free diet. The seafood was so fresh and well cooked and I've never tasted better scallops.'

Brenda Kay

33 International Starters, Leith, Edinburgh (01315 552546; internationalstarters.co.uk)

Price 4

Food Eclectic (Crispy haggis parcels with a whisky and mustard dip) 'All dishes are small plates from around the world, so you order two or three - perfect if you just can't decide! An innovative experience that hit the mark.'

Janice Owen

Make it a mini break



Northern Ireland

34 Pier 36, Donaghadee, County Down (028 9188 4466; pier36.co.uk)

Price 🍷🍷

Food Local, eclectic (Finnebrogue loin of venison with sweet potato fondant, pickled red cabbage, honey roast carrots and Szechuan peppercorn sauce)

'We like Pier 36 for its delicious fresh fish – it's a family-run restaurant right on the quayside with warm service and a friendly atmosphere. It has won various awards, too.'

John Smyth

35 The Old Inn at Crawfordsburn, County Down (02891 853255; theoldinn.com)

Price 🍷🍷

Food Modern Irish (Roast fillet of cured salmon with pickled summer vegetables, Jersey Royal potatoes and salsa verde) 'We had our wedding reception here in the 1980s so have fond memories! The food is always good and they claim it's the oldest inn in Ireland – it has a thatched roof and old-world charm.'

Joan Hunter

Wales

36 Bayside Brasserie, Cardiff (02920 358 444; baysidebrasserie.com)

Price 🍷🍷

Food Eclectic (Slow-roasted New Zealand lamb rump served with ragout of baby vegetables and baby potatoes)

'The food is really tasty and well presented. The staff are lovely and the views are spectacular.'

Kerry Goodall

37 Something's Cooking, Letterston, Pembrokeshire (01348 840621; somethingscooking.net)

Price 🍷

Food Fish and chips (daily specials)

'This place is famous for its fish and chips and they use local fish and potatoes where possible.'

We often go there for a treat and friends and family love to call in on their way through.'

Cynthia Lewis ♦